



BAR HILL NEWS

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IT'S TIME!



FOR THE UNVEILING OF THE NEW BAR HILL VILLAGE CLOCK

SATURDAY 13-MAY @ 3:00PM

Come and meet the family of our village historian, and have look round the display of memories from many of the organisations that serve you to create YOUR village's history.

Refreshments will also be available from
2:30pm

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Move information on the unveiling is on the back page - see you there!!

Every Monday, 10- 12 (unless otherwise listed) in the Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery)
The Hub is for villagers of all ages as a place to gather & enjoy community!

08-MAY	Coronation Hub (Coffee Stop, Games, Litter Pick, See Page 5)	
15-MAY	Coffee Stop, Foodbank, Citizen’s Advice & Meet a Parish Councillor	Health & Wellbeing 10:15 -10:45
22-MAY		
NOTE: 1st & 29th May are bank holidays and there will be no Community Hub		

We are also now a Warm Hub, partnering with Bar Hill Community Association.

WHEN: Monday 10am – 12pm (except 10th)

WHERE: The Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery)

WHAT: Are you worried about energy costs, keeping warm, comfortably working from home? The Hub is extending its services to provide a comfortable, warm space to all those who need it. Come along and join us; we look forward to seeing you.

Coffee Stop: Pop in for a coffee, a piece of cake and a chat with friends, old and new!

Food bank: If you are struggling financially, drop by and let us help you

Citizens Advice: we have 9am and 10am appointments, please either email:

barhilladvice@gmail.com or, send a PM: Kevin Potts using Facebook Messenger or, phone: and leave your details **0800 088 6522**

Health & Wellbeing: On the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, take advantage of some exercise guidance from our experienced coach and visiting speakers

Meet a Parish Councillor: you can meet one of our Parish Councillors to discuss any issues within our village, between 10am and 12pm within the Coffee Stop.

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We meet monthly on the second Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the Social Club. If you'd like an agenda please get in touch!

Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association. Anonymous letters will not be published. Names and addresses may be withheld.

There is no charge for Articles, What's On, For Sale or Lost and Found. These appear at the Editor's discretion.

All items should be submitted to **bhn-editor@barhill-ca.org**

LETTERS, NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS TO THE EDITOR

Please send your letters & notices to bhn-editor@barhill-ca.org. Thank you!



Dear Residents

On page 28 this month you'll see an interview with Emily Watson from **The Botanical Nest** in Dry Drayton.

Would you like to nominate someone who would like to be featured in the Bar Hill News? A local small business or an organisation, maybe. Or perhaps someone who volunteers within our community who deserves a thank you?

Please get in touch with me.

Thank you,

Bridget Wilson

BHN Feature Editor

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8 o'clock club

To celebrate 50 years of the club we held a buffet supper which was attended by 36 members, with a few who have been with the club since the beginning.

Our meetings are held in the school on the 1st Thursday of each month and we start at 7.30pm not 8 o'clock, our next meeting is on Thursday 4 May when our speaker will be from SERV- The emergency motorbikes delivering blood.

If you would like further details, please phone Barbara **204171**, Adela **204265** or Ann **204687**

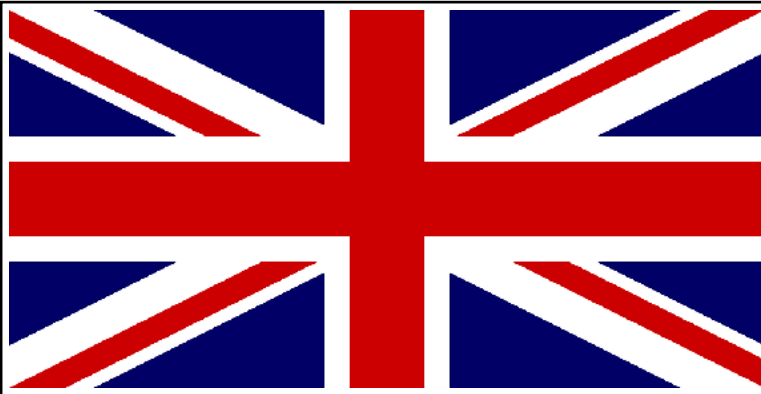
Community Hub “Coffee Stop”

9.30 to 11.45 at The Octagon Monday mornings.

Our “Coffee Stop” at the Community Hub is becoming a popular place to go on a Monday morning. This is a lovely, friendly group where old friends can meet to catch up for a chat and new people have the chance to make new friends and find out what else is happening in the village. You will receive a warm friendly welcome and offered some very tempting homemade cake and freshly made tea and coffee.

All are very welcome. Hope to see you soon.

Sue Kenchington **780260** for more information or see you there. Greetings from our lovely team of helpers.



SPECIAL FAMILY CORONATION HUB

**Monday 8 May 2023 @ the Octagon,
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Bar Hill Church Knit & Natter

We continue to meet regularly in The Octagon on a Thursday afternoon from 1.15 until 3.00 pm. All are welcome.

As a well established friendly group we enjoy knitting and are all very good at “nattering”.

Our aim has always been to welcome and encourage people to join and meet old friends and make new ones. The aim of the group is to encourage people to use their knitting skills to make things that other people need

anywhere there is a need. We have made vast quantities of baby clothes, scarves and hats for children and adults wherever the need arises in this country or others. We recently made many blankets to go in Food Bank parcels at Christmas.

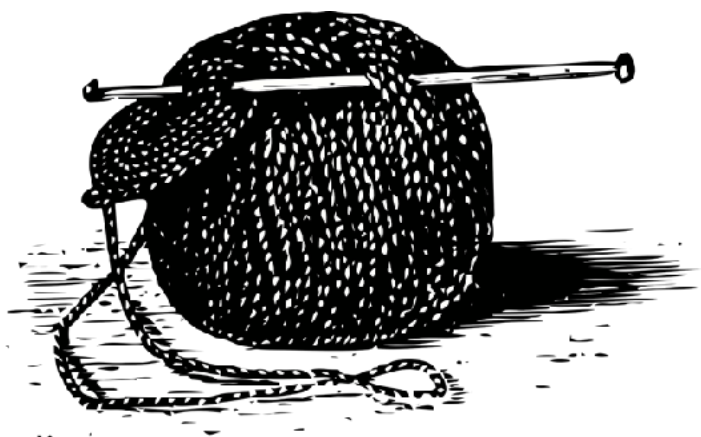


We are always grateful for donations of wool for our projects if anyone has any spare.

During our afternoon together, as well as knitting and nattering, we have a regular exercise slot when Wendy keeps us stretched and strengthened with fun exercises.(Soon after that we have tea and cakes !!)

Are you interested in joining us? Either phone me or turn up on a Thursday afternoon. Look forward to seeing some new faces as well as our lovely familiar ones. p.s. You don't have to be able to knit to join us, we are happy with nattering!

Sue Kenchington **780260**.



Crafts Shed - May 2023

We continue to meet in the Octagon Meetings Room, on Thursday Mornings from 0930 to 1230. Whilst extremely grateful to the Leadership of Bar Hill Church for letting us do this we still require new accommodation of approximately 60 to 80 Sq Metres. We are working with both the Parish Council and County Council to help find and secure a suitable venue. We believe purchasing a Unit for ourselves will be in the Region of £25K.

As an interim measure we have been awarded a Community Chest Grant by Cambridgeshire County Council. This will enable a shed to be erected at the rear of the Octagon matching the existing sheds . This will enable us to start undertaking some wooden projects outside.

There will also be an awning at the rear of the Octagon which will assist all groups using the Octagon Meeting Room.

Are you an individual experienced in completing Grant Applications . We would like a volunteer to assist us in helping to raise £25-30K for our permanent building . If you are able to assist, please contact us below.

Harris and Hoole have kindly offered for us to have a small display. Please visit the coffee shop and purchase if you can. If you cannot see what you want then contact those below.

Individuals will continue to help make items, and as a group we will undertake small projects. There will be a display outside of the Octagon weather permitting.

We are grateful for Sam giving his time in promoting 5asideChess recently. Enjoyment was had by all.

Some members also visited The Whipple Museum. We forget for how long scientists have been making scientific instruments.

If you are over 18 and would like to come and join us, please contact Chris or Nick below.

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Welcome if you are new to the village, meet me in the HUB on Monday mornings for a coffee, you can contact me if I can help in any way or you would like more information

Meetings are being held with Officers at South Cambs, SERCO, Education, and other agencies to support the Asylum Seekers in the Hotel. There has been enormous support from the village residents.

Community Lifeline Service

The Community Lifeline Service provides a pendant alarm in your home, which when pressed contacts a response centre so that help can be raised.

www.scambs.gov.uk/housing/supported-and-older-people-services/community-lifeline-service/

Community Chest Grants

Community Chest grants are available to voluntary and community groups wishing to improve the quality of life in South Cambridgeshire.

www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/grants/community-chest-grants/

Bulky Item Collection Service

Up to 3 items can be booked for the minimum charge of £32.50 additional items are then £5.50 each (up to 9).

Some larger goods may count as multiple items, for example a 3 seater sofa counts as 3 items and therefore £32.50 on its own.

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This is for items which require more specialist disposal such as Computer Screens, Fridges

or Freezers, Microwaves, Televisions, Washing Machines (or Dryers), Cookers and hobs, and Dishwashers.

These are charged at £26.50 per item due to the separate collection and processing required.

DofE Awards at the Bar Hill Village Hall

I was privileged to be invited to this event on 12th April at the Village Hall by the Duke of Edinburgh Awards organisation. The presentation was made by the Duke of Edinburgh to several groups of young people from schools around Cambridge, who were undertaking the scheme. It was an event to be very proud of and to realise how dedicated they are to the DofE scheme. The Duke of Edinburgh chatted to all of the young people and he even had a go on the rowing machine which was on show by those taking sports.



Bar Hill Church news

Services

Sun 30 April, 10:00 am	Quaker Meeting
Sun 7 May, 10:00 am	Holy Communion (Reformed) led by Revd Elizabeth Caswell
Thu 11 May, 10:00 am	Midweek Holy Communion led by Revd Wendy Wale
Sun 14 May, 10:00 am	All Together Worship led by Revd Wendy Wale
Sun 21 May, 10:00 am	Holy Communion (Reformed) led by Revd Dr Janet Tollington
Sun 28 May, 10:00 am	Worship For All led by Revd Wendy Wale, with support from our in-house ministry team



Sunday morning services can also be attended via Zoom: meeting id 882 9761 3899, password: 284740.

About us

Bar Hill Church is an ecumenical partnership working with the Church of England, the Baptist Union, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church. We also have covenant agreements with the Roman Catholic Church and the Society of Friends (Quakers). In addition to our worship services we run art and craft groups, and the Olive Tree bereavement support group. The Community Hub, run in partnership with Bar Hill Community Association, meet in the Octagon on Monday mornings.

By the time this edition of Bar Hill News is published Revd Wendy Wale will have been licensed as our new minister. Previously Wendy was Associate Vicar in Beverley Minster, in the Diocese of York. She and husband Tom have already taken up residency in the village, at the manse in Stonefield.

Contacts

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Minister: Revd Wendy Wale, minister@barhillchurch.org.uk

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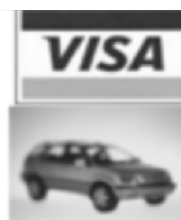
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Bar Hill Tennis Club

NEW SEASON

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Our new Club night season started 18.30 on Tuesday 11 April and we welcome players of all abilities. Why not give tennis a try this year!!

Our membership rates are very competitive and membership entitles you to play at any time.

Check out our website for details!

What better way to welcome the better weather than enjoying a game of tennis!

Just a reminder for all 2022 members that all memberships fell due for renewal on 1st April and as usual the court access code was changed from that date. 2023-24 membership details are available on our web site and you can join and pay on-line.

Membership entitles you to play at any time throughout the year until 31.3.24 as well as at our Tuesday and Thursday club nights. There is an active WhatsApp group for members to share information and find playing partners.

If you would like a "taster" your first visit to our Club nights is free and we welcome players of all abilities – why not give it a try. Tennis is an excellent way to keep fit and enjoy the summer evenings in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Courts can also be hired for private play via our website.

Our Adult Club nights are Tuesdays & Thursdays 6.30 to 9pm through to autumn and beyond if the weather is favourable. We look forward to seeing you!

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We are looking for new members to join us, so if you are 50 or over, want to get out, see some old friends, meet some new ones and have some fun why not come along and join us.

Coming up:

5th May: Eve of the Coronation

12th May: Games/Casino afternoon

19th May: Bingo and a Quiz

26th May: Auction

2nd June: Italian theme

If you give us a try your first week is free.

Anne Plumb, Tel: **01954 780364**, email:

anne@rwp10.plus.com

Bar Hill Catholic Mass

Celebrating our love of God – Meeting with friends – Volunteering

From 7th January 2023 Mass will be held in Bar Hill Church at 6pm on Saturdays. Our services are open to all and everyone is very welcome to attend.

If you have any queries please call Bunty Waters **07734 690580** who will be happy to help.

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We welcome all newcomers and would prefer that they arrive at 10.00 am so that we can explain what happens and get to know you a little first.

The leaders are CRUSE trained, and other members of the group will offer a warm welcome and you will be in the presence of people who have experienced loss and understand the pain and difficulties this brings.

If you are wondering whether the group is right for you, please contact Sue Kenchington **780260**, Chris Stannard **781978**, or Maggie Cox **488657**.

Helping Hedgehogs in May

The mating season now begins in earnest.

If you hear loud snuffly noises at night in your garden, it may be hedgehogs mating.

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Spring COVID boosters are now being rolled out and I am pleased to make you aware that Maple Surgery will be providing them at the surgery. COVID-19 is more serious in older people and in people with certain underlying health conditions. For these reasons, people aged 75 years and over, those in care homes, and those aged 5 years and over with a weakened immune system are being offered a spring booster of COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine that will be administered here at the practice will only be the Pfizer vaccination.

The current dates we have available for booking in May are; Thursday 4th May, and Tuesday 9th May.

Communications have already been sent out to these patient cohorts via text message allowing booking online. If you are a patient that falls in the aforementioned parameters and have not received a text or would like to book another way, please do not hesitate to contact the practice on **01954 780442** or contact maplesurgery.enquiries@nhs.net. Should you not be available for the dates listed we will be offering further dates that will be confirmed in due course.

Prescriptions and recruitment

Prescriptions continue to be a national issue with GP surgeries currently. In turn we have added Mrs Lauren Campbell, another ANP to our clinical team to help in our efforts to manage prescriptions more effectively at Maple. In any case please can I remind anyone in need of a prescription to put their request in with plenty of time to ensure that you receive it. Due to the demand and the continued pharmaceutical supply issues for all pharmacies nationally. We have extended our processing time for prescriptions as the previous were unrealistic. The processing time for prescriptions has now moved from three working days to five working days until further notice.

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Potholes

We're extremely concerned about the state of the roads. Our Local Highways Officers are currently overwhelmed with problems particularly concerning potholes – many are more like craters. It is good some very bad potholes in Bar Hill's perimeter road have been repaired. However the problems around the county are being dealt with as a matter of urgency by Highways.

Unfortunately this is a national problem and our problems are not unique, although we are in a worse area than some (but better than some others). Sadly, the real problem is that there has been a gradual deterioration of our road network over many years and strategic investment in maintenance did not happen in better times. Consequences of the political choice for 'managed decline' are with us now, making the job of getting on top of things that much harder. This has been exacerbated by drought and soil shrinkage, deep freeze and periods of persistent wet weather. It takes a long time to create road damage – but it is also very costly to fix.

Thank you to everyone who has highlighted issues, and please keep logging the faults in the County's reporting system as this really helps officers to organise their work <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

Safety Valve News

There has been some more positive news that pressure on school places for children with additional needs will be eased after the County Council secured significant additional funding from the government to deal with it. At the County Council we were facing potentially widespread cuts in support for children with SEND (Special Education Needs and Disabilities) due to a £58m budget

gap. The extra money came through a process known as a 'safety valve' and is worth £49m.

Under the agreement with the Department for Education, the authority will use the funds to balance its budget for children with additional needs by 2026/7. The government has also allocated a further £11.3m for capital funding to Cambridgeshire to support new SEND provision on mainstream school sites. The funding will help tackle a gap in the budget for SEND provision which is expected to hit around £58m by the end of this month – caused by demand for services far outstripping government funding for SEND services over the past six years. For example requests for Education, Health and Care Plans in Cambridgeshire – the document which describes a young person's special needs and the support they will need to meet their educational goals – have more than doubled from 3,429 in 2016 to more than 7,000.

Cambridgeshire has historically received less funding per child for education than elsewhere. This is on top of having a rapidly growing population of children with special educational needs and disabilities who are presenting with greater complexities, some of which relates additional social, emotional and mental health arising from the Covid pandemic. To meet these challenges, the Council will use the new funding to create 463 new special school places. There will also be extra support for 105 pupils at mainstream schools by September 2026 through a programme of expanding current sites and building new schools. The council has also applied to the free school programme for two new special schools.

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Bar Hill Football Club (Bar Hill SSC Sunday)

Welcome back to our monthly Bar Hill FC updates. Apologies for the lack of recent articles - the club is going through a few changes and it has therefore, been difficult to provide information with any real clarity.

Bar Hill FC started this season with two Sunday teams. Unfortunately, we have recently had to fold our reserve team - this was specifically because the club did not have enough players to field two teams going forward.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING SUNDAY FOOTBALL FOR BAR HILL FC, PLEASE CONTACT ME ON THE TELEPHONE NUMBER PROVIDED BELOW.

Our first team continue to play in Division 2 of the Cambs Sunday League. Results have been mixed and, as I write this, we are currently sitting in mid table.

We currently have one home fixture scheduled for May which is also a local derby: May 17th - Bar Hill FC v Longstanton FC (we may have more home games yet to be rearranged).

So it's been a difficult season to date but, on a brighter note, we will be fielding both a Saturday and a Sunday team next season. There is already much excitement around our



new Saturday team and we are looking at starting our pre season training in June to prepare for this new challenge. We are also looking for new players to play for our Saturday team, again please contact me on the number below if you are interested.

We are also working more closely with Bar Hill Colts - something which, in my opinion, is long overdue. Together, we will hopefully provide a pathway whereby younger players have a relatively seamless transition from colts to adult football. To this end, we are looking to hold "open training sessions" - these sessions will be for current, new, and younger players.

I hope to have some news regarding a testimonial match for two Bar Hill FC "legends" next month. I will also be revisiting the history of Bar Hill FC in future editions.

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Final Skatepark Report - May 2023

On 22nd March 2022, 14 interested people gathered from the Bar Hill area and formed the Bar Hill Skatepark Working Party. Our purpose for existing, as defined by the Parish Council, was to produce an option or a range of options which could then be put to the village in a Parish Poll. The proposal should include both a design, with annual costings, as well as a means of funding. The proposal should include the location of the skatepark.

I am happy to report that a year on we have succeeded in our goal and are now in a position to hand back to the Parish Council to take this forward, supporting them with fundraising, construction and facilitation of contractors as is needed.

Parish Poll

To come up with questions we discussed many options such as building materials, locations, indoor/outdoor options. These are detailed below. However, the questions we thought should be put to the village were:

1. Do you want the Parish Council to build a skatepark for the benefit of the village?
2. If sufficient independent funding cannot be obtained would you be in favour of putting up to £1/month on the Council Tax for Band D properties to fund it?

Design

The design of the skatepark was key as it would determine the costing. Three materials were considered: Concrete, Metal, and Skatelite (wood).

The group was resolute from the outset that metal skate ramps are unsuitable for use in a skatepark. They're really

slippery and also get scorching hot in the summer, the peak skating season.

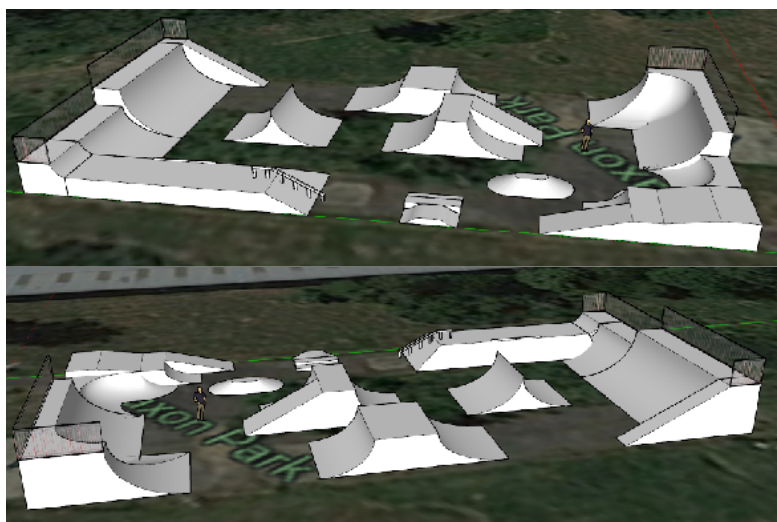
Skatelite is a wooden material for building ramps and is an excellent material to use for an indoor park but is not well suited to an outdoor environment where it is subjected to wind, rain and snow. Skatelite also requires a lot of in terms of maintenance.

With concrete, the initial outlay higher but concrete is longer lasting with much reduced maintenance cost. These factors made concrete the most popular choice. It is also worth mentioning that contractors we talked to only built skateparks in concrete and would not consider building one using a different material unless it was indoors.

The group had many opinions about what design the skatepark should have. We went to the site of the old skatepark where various people threw in their ideas of what they considered to be a good design for a skate park. This translated into us measuring it up and creating a 3D model of it.

The design predominantly facilitates BMXs and skateboards with scooters and roller skates being less of a design focus. It is worth noting that there are several skateparks around the Cambridge area but few have large ramps aimed at BMXs and experienced skaters.

Designs have appeared in the Bar Hill News last year but here are some technical sketches created using Sketchup which accurately show the size of the park and the different elements of the park.



The park is roughly split into two halves, one half has large (6-8ft) ramps designed for BMXs and more experienced skateboarders. The other half has much smaller (1-3ft) ramps designed for beginner skateboarders.

Location

We considered three locations:

1. The abandoned petrol station where the old Burger King used to be
2. The main field over by the scout hut
3. Saxon Park, the location of the previous skatepark

Discussions were had with the A14 team (as was) and they raised concerns over access, safety, and ownership. Until access has been addressed, in their view, nobody will be allowed to develop the land. There will be safety concerns with the site given it's previous use (as a petrol station) and finally the land would need to be purchased and, under government rules, the price could only be "fair market value". This would likely make the site prohibitively expensive.

The main field was also considered, however after the area required was measured it was deemed unsuitable as a skatepark positioned on the green would become too dominant a feature on the landscape.

Finally, the site of the old skatepark (Saxon Park), opposite The Fox pub, was considered. This land is already owned by the Parish Council, has an existing concrete foundation, is a good size for a skatepark, and is far enough away from residences that any noise pollution would not be noticed. It also used to have a very successful skatepark on it.

For these reasons it was deemed that Saxon Park would be the proposed location.

Costs

We contacted several different skatepark construction contractors and also spoke to Stuart Maclure from Betong Park, a construction contractor who specialises in skatepark design and construction. We showed him our design with detailed measurements of the various elements and he

estimated the cost of the park to be £250,000.

The main way to raise the capital would be from the Parish Council to take out a loan from the Public Works Loan Board. This is essentially a fixed-rate mortgage (fixed for the entire term). Rates for a loan change on a daily basis but on 21st March 2023 the interest rate for a 25 year fixed loan paid back as an annuity was 4.66%.

There are 1490 band D equivalent properties in Bar Hill which, at a rate of 4.66% over 25 years, would equate to 95p per month per household for an initial loan on £250,000.

The PWLB figure above does not account for maintenance, insurance, etc. A figure of £500 per year would be reasonable.

Maintenance would mean the figure would be more than the 95p per month proposed above, however the PWLB figure above does not account for any funding but assumes the Parish Council will pay for the entire build. There are many sources of funding available from places such as the National Lottery, Comic Relief Local, Landfill Communities Fund and Sports England. There may also be local funding available from our very own Tesco or Section 106 money received from local developers, for example. We can also do local fundraising and have already agreed to create a fundraising group should the village agree this project should proceed.

All funds raised would mean the initial loan would be less than £250,000 - reducing the proposed cost.

Overall we would expect the maintenance costs and fundraising to approximately cancel each other out, making the final cost approximately £1 per household per month for the next 25 years, or to look at it another way this would be a total of £300 per household paid over the next 25 years.

Dave Wright

Chair, Bar Hill Skatepark Working Party
(a fuller report is available here: <https://bit.ly/41xsRiy>)

Bar Hill Village Hall

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Facilities and Governance

The site has undergone various small extensions and a complete rebuild over the years to continually improve the facilities such as the provision of WiFi.

The large Main Hall has multi-purpose vinyl flooring, making it flexible for all types of events. There is a kitchen alongside the Hall with a serving hatch, making it useful for self-catering at parties, discos and the like. The licensed bar can be booked on request and will be serviced by the Sports and Social Club. The Hall opens out onto a large patio area that is ideal for external activities or a spill-over for internal events and has two bolted gates that lead off the premises.

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The Village Hall is a UK-registered charity (number 1002579) and run by a committee of trustees who are committed to the on-going development of the Village Hall's role as a key community facility.

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Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Council would like to thank all the residents who came along to the Annual Parish Meeting last month.

Parish Office Opening Hours

The Parish Council Office will be open Monday to Friday 09.30-11.00, but appointments can be made outside these times by prior arrangement.

Grass cutting

Our grass cutters are starting to cut the grass around the village. Please could residents help by keeping the grassed areas free of obstacles and ensuring vehicles are not left close to or on the grass causing obstruction for access by mowers, or potential for damage by grass cuttings for debris. In these cases, the contractor will have to leave these areas uncut. We hope all our green spaces are looking neat and tidy for everyone to enjoy.

Flytipping

It has come to the attention of the Council that flytipping has been going on around the village. If the responsible person(s) cannot be found the clear up falls to the council. The costs for removal are then payable by the council from taxpayers money. Please could residents dispose of their waste correctly.

Purchasing your freehold

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Next Meeting Dates

Environment & Amenities Committee: 3 May 2023

Full Council: 18 May 2023

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The Botanical Nest- A Cornucopia of Loveliness

This month I took a drive down the road to Dry Drayton to visit Emily Watson at her newly opened shop, The Botanical Nest. Situated at No 5, Scotland Road Industrial Estate, the shop assailed my senses as soon as I stepped over the threshold. There's just so much to see. There are tables full of beautiful knitted and felted toys with cute mobiles hanging above. There are stylish table lamps and shades and many charming gifts and homewares. There are also big buckets of the most stunning fragrant blooms. This little shop is really chock-full of delights.

Emily showed me the large workshop adjoining, where she creates floral designs for her established business Emily Tallulah Flowers. This space is also hired by local makers to run their own workshops. Recently there have been sessions in lamp shade making, pottery and candle making here.

Over a cup of tea, Emily told me that she started her floristry training when she was just 16 at a London based florist called Wild at Heart. In 2007, when her daughter was born and commuting became too much, she started her own fledgling floristry business. That year she did flowers for 1 or 2 weddings, last year she designed flowers for 70 weddings!

The idea for The Botanical Nest was sparked when the unit next to Emily Tallulah became vacant. Emily took a leap of faith and opened up her shop which has been very well received.

"I love teaching" Emily told me, "I am now teaching other florists how to relinquish the use of flower foam (Oasis), as it is toxic. It is made of micro plastics which can be inhaled and get in the the water supply when it is soaked. So, we are going back to more traditional methods of floristry. I now use chicken wire, moss and willow frameworks to

create organic and natural style arrangements."

Emily showed me the superb, flower strewn arch that had been constructed over her shop door. "We use a solid metal structure, rather like scaffolding poles, to make these foam free, large scale installations" Emily explained "This is then entwined with willow and moss, hooks are then added to hold water containers for the flowers. She showed me photos of her stunning floral designs including arches she created over the doors of the University Arms Hotel in Cambridge.

Emily Tallulah and The Botanical Nest can be found at www.emilytallulah.com or on instagram at [emily_tallulah_flowers](https://www.instagram.com/emily_tallulah_flowers). Better still, why not pop along to Dry Drayton to experience this delightful shop for yourself.



Bar Hill Indoor Bowls Club

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We are hoping to purchase a Remembrance bench for the village and are asking for donations towards the cost we already have a few but need more. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Maggie Cox on **01954 488657**. The bench will be in memory of all the Royal Legion members we have sadly lost over last few years.

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Longstanton Bowls Club

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Throughout the season, there are rollups on Thursday afternoons from 2:00pm to 4:30pm and on Saturday afternoons from 2:00pm to 4:30pm. These sessions provide newcomers with an ideal opportunity to learn bowling skills and sample the social side of the sport. Spare bowls, in a variety of weights and sizes, are always available for practice. All we ask is that you wear shoes with a smooth sole so as not to damage the green. First year membership for Newcomers is only £10 (adults) and £5 (juniors 18 or under), such a small price to pay to be part of one of the friendliest Bowls Clubs in Cambridgeshire.

The Club plays in three different leagues. The Ely and District, afternoon league (3 rinks of triples), playing on Mondays and Fridays. The Cambridge and District evening league (4 rinks of triples) where we have 2 teams, playing in Divisions 3 and 4. Finally, the Cambridge Business Houses evening league (2 rinks of pairs) with teams in the Men's and Open leagues. All the league matches are played from late April to late August. The club's internal competitions are played over the season with finals day in early September.


If you want to know more, please visit our website www.longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk or find us on Facebook by searching for "Longstanton Bowls Club". Membership packs, for Longstanton Bowls Club, are available from our Membership Secretary (Marion Edwards) on **01954 780118**.



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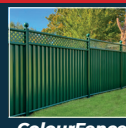
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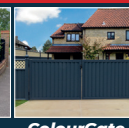
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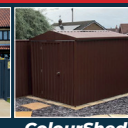
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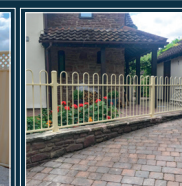
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We accept the 2,3 and 4 year funding and the Government Tax Free Childcare payments.

As we are busy during the day with the children, please text us your enquiry with details of your requirements and we will contact you as soon as possible with our up to date availability and hourly rates.

Jacky – **07718447998** – ages 6 months upwards. Term time and all year round care offered. Possible spaces from Sept 2024.

Kirsten – **07906218070** – ages 6 months upwards. Term time only and all year round care offered.

Kirsty – **07584168909** – Over the hill Out of School Club – Pre-school year upwards. Wrap around and holiday care offered.

We have enjoyed exploring spring as it appeared around us. We have seen the beautiful spring flowers whilst out on our walks and have learnt the names of daffodils and tulips and we made daffodil suncatchers.



At our Childminder group we have made pretty blossom to decorate our tree, with fluffy sheep grazing in the grass. We had great fun rolling marbles through paint to create some very effective Easter Eggs paintings. We also managed to find the 65 eggs that Jacky hid around the room and the garden! The chocolate treat was yummy!

Over the next few weeks we will be making some crafts for the King's coronation. We will make and bake crown shaped biscuits to cover in sticky icing to share with our families, we will be painting special bunting to decorate our board and crowns to wear to our special coronation tea party! We will also be sending a very special card to King Charles on his Coronation and we hope to get a letter back from him.



Hedgehog Fact

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New members are always welcome, whether to join our committee, contribute financially, to join our team of crafters or display a small selection of our wares. Contact Mary Sanders on 01223 356615. Further details are given

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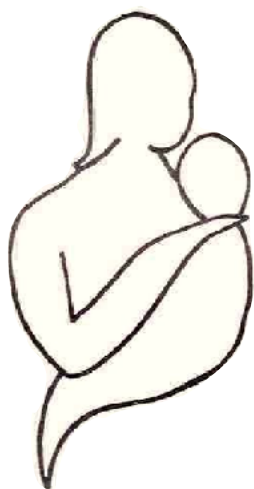
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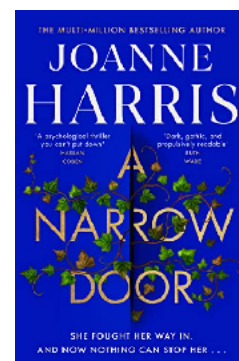
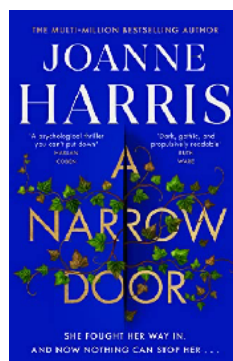
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- Monday 29th May

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If you need medical assistance when we are closed please call NHS 111 or visit www.111.nhs.uk

Ordering Repeat Prescriptions

Please order your repeat prescriptions at least 3 WORKING DAYS in advance via one of the following methods:

- Order via the NHS app
- Order via the practice website using your SystmOnline login
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- Post your repeat slip in the collection box at the front of Willingham or Longstanton Surgery

We no longer accept repeat requests over the phone. The dispensary phone line is open for queries only at the following times: 10:00am – 12:00pm and 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Do we have your up to date contact details?

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Suicide Prevention

If you spot any warning signs, would you know how to ask directly about suicide?

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Find out how to have a life-saving conversation here: <https://stopsuicidepledge.org/get.../stop-suicide-campaign/>

Private Work

The practice is not able to provide fit to race statements for sporting events as the GPs are not qualified sports medicine doctors and not indemnified to provide these. If you need this please contact a private GP with expertise in this area or a sports medicine doctor.

GPs will complete insurance documents, however they are not covered under the NHS contract. This means they can take up to a month to complete and charges may apply.

Carers Meeting

If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please come along to our carers support meeting on 3rd May at Willingham Surgery, where we will be holding a drop in meeting between 2pm and 4pm. Please come along and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments provided, no need to pre-book and completely FREE!

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at Willingham Surgery. Please contact Sue Lawson at the surgery or email her at susan.lawson7@nhs.net for more information.



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Bar Hill Cricket Club

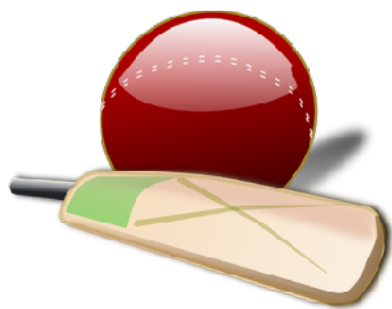
We'll be into the action very soon as we compete in the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association Junior League and the Cambridge Business Houses (midweek) League this season.

Our Saturday team is first to take to the field in Division 4W, starting with a home match against Cambridge St Giles III on May 6th, starting at 1pm – spectators are welcome!



We hold training sessions on the village green every Thursday (5.30-7.30pm). All current and prospective members of any standard and experience are welcome.

If you can't make it but are interested in playing, contact us via info@barhillcricket.org.uk



Off the pitch, we are planning a fundraising quiz night at the Sports & Social Club from 7.30pm on Saturday May 20th – however, this is subject to

final confirmation, so keep an eye on the club website and noticeboard.

You can also visit barhillcricket.org.uk or our Facebook page for the latest information.

May fixtures:

Saturday 6th: Cambridge St Giles III (H, league)

Saturday 13th: Camden II (A, league)

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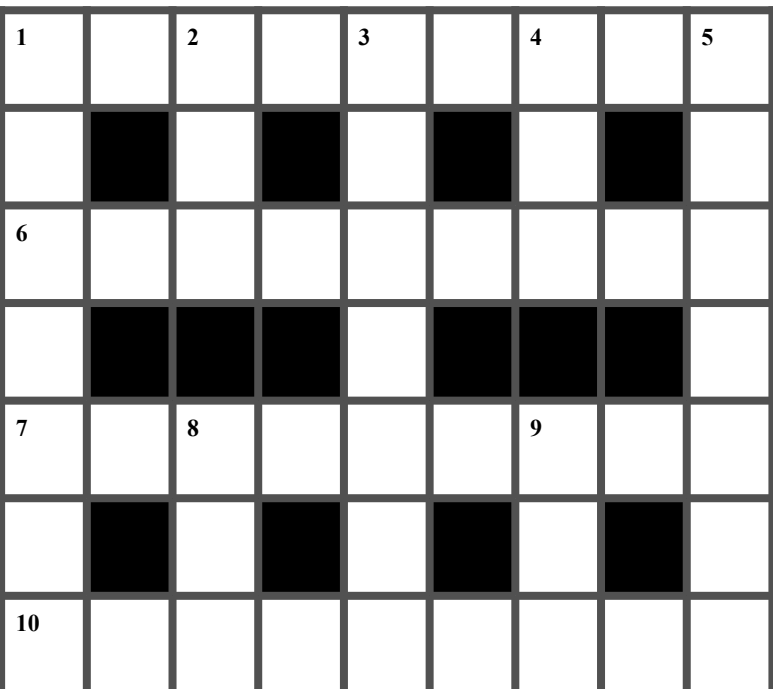
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Memorial Garden - May 2023

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Should you wish to place a Memorial Plaque then contact Chris Stannard on **01954 781978** or **07711 623425**. Email c.e.stannard1@gmail.com



PUZZLE - May 2023

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We have also been making the most of the weather and seeing how the local environment is changing with the season.

Our role play area is a dental surgery this month, supporting our learning on keeping our teeth healthy.

Interested in finding out more and booking a place for your child? Contact enquiries@barhillpreschool.co.uk or call **01954 782892**. You could also visit our website www.barhillpreschool.co.uk for an enrolment form.

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UNVEILING OF BAR HILL VILLAGE CLOCK (Continued from Front Page)

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The official unveiling ceremony will take place at the Parish Council Offices on Saturday May the 13th at 3:00 pm promptly, and Roger's wife Jo and his family have been invited to do the honours.

As well as the formal unveiling there will be a display of some of Roger's work, together with other memorable moments from our Village History provided by many of the village groups/organisations (see below) and refreshments available to buy from many of the village organisations.

The opportunity to visit the display/exhibition and buy refreshments in the Octagon will start at 2:30 pm (see below), so you can quench your thirst (and hunger) ahead of the unveiling, but will continue afterwards so that you can be sure not to miss anything.

So do pop along to say hello to all of Roger's family, as well as find out all about the many groups and organisations active in your village. We really hope to see you all at this historical moment in our Village.



<https://bit.ly/barhill-ca>

Watch the coronation in the company of others



On Saturday 6 May, Bar Hill Church will be showing the BBC coverage of the coronation for anyone who would like to watch it in the company of others.

Doors will be open from 10.00am and refreshments will be served.

AGENDA FOR CLOCK UNVEILING

Time	Activity
2:30pm	Exhibitions and Refreshments officially open for viewing
2:55pm	Gather outside of the Parish Council Offices
3:00pm	Official unveiling of Clock by Roger's Family
3:15pm	Exhibitions and Refreshments officially open for viewing
4:30pm	Exhibitions closing

Contact barryd@barhill-ca.org for more information or to book a place in the hall